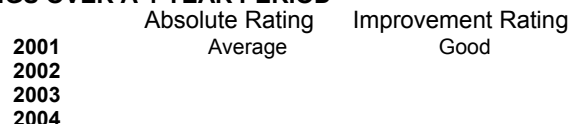


**ABSOLUTE RATING: Average**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good**

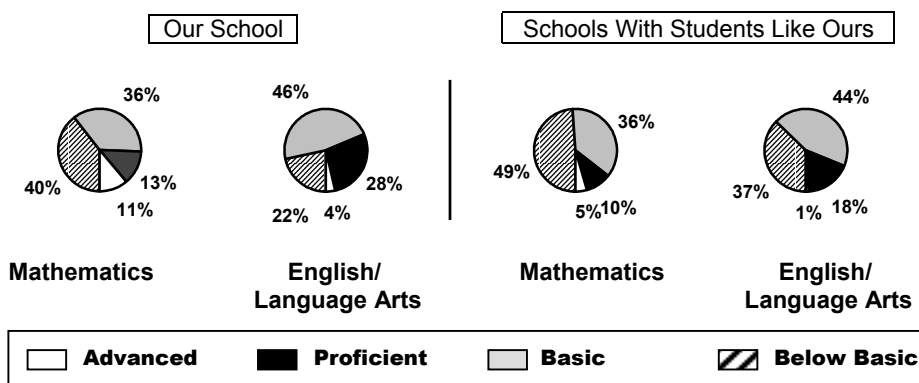
Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 102.  
 The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent.  
 For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

**RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

**PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS**



**DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=226)</b>	78.3	60.6	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=19)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=207)	76.8	61.4		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=105)	74.3	57.1		
Female (n=121)	81.8	63.6		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=226)	78.3	60.6		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=206)	76.2	57.8		
Pay for lunch (n=20)	N/A	N/A		

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

**INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,900	N/A	\$6,062	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	92.4%	Up from 90.7%	89.6%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.1 to 1	N/A	17 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=462)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	96.5%	No change	96.1%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	8%	N/A	7.8%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	8.8%	N/A	6.9%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	96.7%	Up from 93.5%	98.1%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	5.8%	Down from 7.7%	5.8%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=34)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	13.6 Days	Up from 6	7.3 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	96.6%	Up from 94.8%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	47.1%	Up from 40%	42.9%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	85.3%	Up from 72.5%	77.4%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	3%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	81.4%	Down from 83.5%	81.1%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,581	Up 6.6%	\$36,115	\$37,520

**SCHOOL FACTS**

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	73.4%	N/A	63.8%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	7	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	48.1%	N/A	88.3%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	63.5%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	2.4%	Up from 0.4%	2.1%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	25	N/A	2	1
• Gifted and talented	4.5%	Up from 1.3%	4.8%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	9.7%	Up from 6.9%	9%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

James Simons Elementary School is a neighborhood school with parents, community, government agencies, organizations, business education partners and dedicated faculty and staff members who work collectively to provide educational experiences for students.

It is important to note that a majority of students continue to enter James Simons Elementary School READY for the first grade. Using technology, new strategies and programs, we must increase the gains achieved by our students in the areas of reading, writing, and math.

An area of concern is the number of parents who respond to issues surrounding their children's education, i.e. academic climate, student discipline, safety and school cleanliness. The School Community Council, in collaboration with faculty, staff, and administration, issues this School Report Card as an invitation to our school's community to become more involved in improving the educational achievement levels of children.

Please feel free to give us feedback on our School Report Card by calling James Simons Elementary School at 724-7763.

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	88.6	81.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	88.2	84.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	85.7	95.4	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades PK-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 462 Students

### Principal

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### Board Chair

Ms. Elizabeth H. Alston 843-723-0941

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001



School Grade:  
Good

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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